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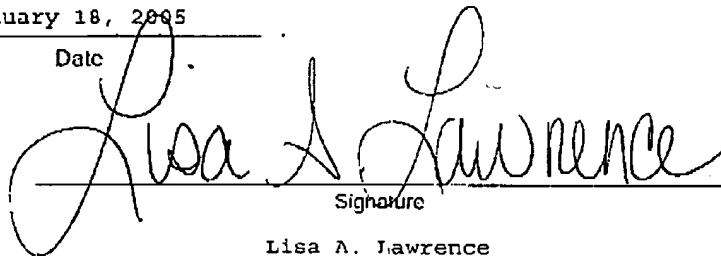
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Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page)

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Serial No. 10/630,387) Atty. Docket No. 03-0981 (370041-21)
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Filed 7/30/2003) Response to Restriction Requirement
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Response to Restriction Requirement

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In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004, Applicant states the following:

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Remarks

1. In the Office action dated December 20, 2004, the claims at issue were divided into two groups under 35 USC 121:

Group I. Claims 1-9, drawn to an improved method for producing direct chill cast ingots; and

Group II Claims 10-13, drawn to ingot products produced by the methods of claim 1.

2. Applicants herein elect Group I, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that the particular ingot products of Group II may not be produced by other processes, nor would the claims of Groups I and II require the examiner to conduct separate searches of the prior art. Thus, the prosecution of this application, which has only 13 total claims, does not represent a burden to the examiner, and would be more efficiently prosecuted if conducted with all 13 claims prosecuted jointly.

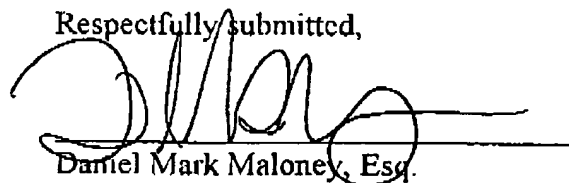
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner would like to suggest changes of a formal nature to place this application in better condition for allowance, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

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